Raksha Kavatch to Prevent Rail Accidents

† *133. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Raksha Kavatch system adopted by Government to prevent rail collisions has withstood all the tests;

(b) if so, whether the position regarding rail accidents has improved after after this system was dedicated to the nation; and

(c) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) Extended field trails of Anti Collion Device (Rakha Kavatch system) are proposed on Jalandhar-Amritsar section of Northern Railway. After assessment of the results of field trials, the system would be considered for adoption on Indian Railways, taking into account its suitability, cost implications and availability of funds.

Amount for Total Literacy Mission in Arunachal Pradesh

*134. SHRI NAB AM REBIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of amount released for education under Total Literacy Mission in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) the total number of persons made fully literate in the State during the period; and

(c) the details of targets fixed by Government for the State and those which have been fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) As no proposals were received for Total Literacy Compaigns from the State, no grants could be released during the last three years. However, after October 2001 proposals from 12 districts have now been received which being examined

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

(b) As per information received from State Government 38,466 persons have been made literate during the period.

(c) The goal of National Literacy Mission is to attain full literacy *i.e.* a sustainable threshold level of 75% by 2005. As per census 2001 (Provisional) the literacy rate of Arunachal Pradesh is 54.74%.

Acceptance/Rejection of Baldev Mahajan Committee Recommendations

*135. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Baldev Mahajan Committee's recommendations, accepted by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in 2000, were rejected in 2001, without even implementing the same; and

(b) if so, the details and the rationale of such decision of the Board?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The recommendations of the Baldev Mahajan Committee necessitated a flexible budget for KVS and it was a prerequisite for the implementation of these recommendations. Govt. did not agree with this recommendation. It was therefore decided by the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan not to implement the recommendations of the Baldev Mahajan Committee.

Education Officers without B.Ed. Degree in KVS

*136. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many such Education Officers in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan who had not secured the B.Ed, degree, before their appointment to the post;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons and justification of their selection, without an